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JULY EVENTS

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**EQUINE NUTRITION SEMINAR -
CYGNET RIDING CLUB FUND
-RAISER AT 5.30PM - FREE**
Huon LINC, 1 Skinner Drive,
Huonville.

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**FLOOD RELIEF DINNER FUND
-RAISER AT 6PM**
Frank's Cider Bar and Cafe,
3328 Huon Highway, Franklin.

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**GIVE ME 5 FOR KIDS GRAND
FINALE FUNDRAISER - FREE**
Dover RSL, 16 Chapman Avenue,
Dover.

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**'67 BUSHFIRES 'SHARE YOUR
STORY' VIDEO BOOTH - FREE**
Dover Online Access Centre,
'Old Dover School, Huon Highway,
Dover.

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HUON VALLEY MID-WINTER FEST
Friday 5pm-11pm
Saturday 12noon -10.30pm
Sunday 10am-5pm
Willie Smith's Apple Shed, 2064
Huon Highway, Grove.
Weekend Pass \$45
Friday tickets \$20
Saturday tickets \$40
Sunday tickets \$20

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**TWO TALES OF A RIVER - HUON
VALLEY THEATRE**
Huonville Town Hall, 40 Main Street,
Huonville. Phone 6264 1838.
Adults \$18
Children/Concession \$12

Celebrating Winter in style - MID-WINTER FEST

If you haven't sung to an apple tree whilst banging pots and pans by firelight lately, come down to the Huon Valley from Friday July 15 to Sunday July 17 to celebrate the region's apple picking history and join in the age-old tradition of **Wassailing** – basically scaring nasties out of the orchard's cider trees to ensure a bumper autumn crop.

The purpose of wassailing is to awake the cider apple trees and frighten off evil spirits to ensure a good harvest of fruit in the Autumn. The ceremonies of each wassail vary but they generally all have the same core elements. A Wassail King and Queen lead the song and/or a processional tune to be played/sung from one orchard to the next, the wassail Queen will then be lifted up into the boughs of the tree where she will place toast soaked in Wassail from the Clayen Cup as a gift to the tree spirits (and to show the fruits created the previous year).

To get in the spirit of the Wassail they're encouraging people to dress up & they will be offering over \$2,000 in prize money for the best dressed.

Reflecting the deepest darkest winter and our linkage with Dark MOFO the Morris theme of the festival will be Border or Welsh Morris. These traditional outfits which involve 'tatters', painted faces and top hats, date back to the 1500's when dancers in the Welsh borders uses to dress up and cover their faces so neighbours wouldn't recognise them as they begged for money on the streets.

And if singing to the trees doesn't bob your Geeveston fanny, they've added a Friday night of feasting, craft ciders and music by the fireside to kick off the festival.

There'll be a storytelling tent where you can hear tall tales and true - or you can swing out to the sounds of **The Crooked Fiddle Band / Ungus Ungus Ungus / The Willy Wagtails / Grim Fawknor / Denni420 / Rowena Wise / Bad Beef / The Craicpot / The Dead Maggies / George Begbie / Guerilla Zingari / Hairyman / Jesse McCormack / Lagoon Hill Zydeco / Les Coqs Incroyables and Yesterday's Gentlemen.**

So dress up and head along for some wonderful food and winter beverages and a whole lot of cold weather fun.



Budget and capital works for the coming year

Huon Valley Council passed its 2016/17 budget and a capital works program that includes both asset renewal work and building of new assets at last night's ordinary council meeting.

The Council's main focus in preparing this budget has been its long term financial sustainability and the provision of adequate resources for maintaining existing infrastructure and building new assets.

Council endorsed a rate rise of 3.95% for the coming year. **This equates to an increase of \$42 per year for the average rateable property in the Huon Valley, or 81 cents per week.**

In the last three financial years the Tasmanian Auditor General rated the Huon Valley Council as one of the consistent top 3 financially sustainable councils in Tasmania with the second lowest rates (per property) in the State.

There is \$21.8 million allocated for the day to day operations of Council. There is a \$7.2 million allocation for asset renewal and \$900,000 in 2016/17 for new assets.

Huon Valley Mayor Peter Coad said the budget further strengthened the Council's commitment to financial sustainability.

"The Council carries no loan debt. We also made the commitment not to reduce any of the services the Council currently offers and we are proud to provide such a diverse range of services to our community, including childcare and medical centres as well as more traditional local government services."

The Capital Works planned for the 2016/2017 include: • Ranelagh Playground Public Toilet • Car park drainage at Dover Child Care • \$100,000 for the Franklin Foreshore Master Plan Implementation.

Asset renewal works will include: • \$4.9 million for roads, footpaths and stormwater; • Reconstruction of Loiusa St, Cygnet, Lune River Rd (\$1.5 million), Coad St, Narrows Rd (\$477,000) and Donnelly's Rd • Renewal of bridges at Fourfoot Rd, Downhams Rd and Liddells Rd • Renewal of the Dover jetty • Upgrading the netball courts in Huonville • \$133,000 for streetscape, parks and reserves renewal works, and • \$643,000 on renewal of community buildings including halls, sporting club rooms and independent living units.

Huon Valley Mayor Peter Coad said the council's commitment to new assets and infrastructure bodes well for the future.

"The Council is to be commended on the financial management that has been in place for many years that has enabled it to continue to offer consistent levels of services, renew the asset base as and when it comes due, as well as to modestly invest in new capital works. The plans have been in place since 2011 and the entire Council do an excellent job to ensure that we are in excellent financial shape to meet the future challenges."

A copy of the Huon Valley Council's 2016-17 Budget is available from the Council's website – www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au

COUNCIL DECISIONS

SPECIAL MEETING

Council resolved to hold a Special meeting to work through the Board of Inquiry Report. The meeting will be held on Monday 4 July at 5pm in the Council Chambers in Huonville.

2016/17 RATES

Council approved the rates and charges and fees and charges for the 2016 and 2017 financial year – general rate set at a 3.95% increase.

NEW SUBDIVISION

A 42 lot subdivision was approved for "186" Main Street Huonville (the old golf course).

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Cr Mackintosh was appointed to the casual vacancy on the Governance Committee that arose out of the resignation of Cr Studley.

PETITION

A petition requesting safer and more consistent strategic speed limits along the Huon Trail is to be forwarded to Department of State Growth for their information without endorsement, but Council will seek comment from DSG on the matters raised in the petition.

BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT

Council resolved to undertake consultation about Local Government Reform in respect of options for Huon Valley and Margate South boundary adjustment to commence on 1 July, 2016 for a 6 week period.

MINUTES AND MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE COUNCIL'S WEBSITE.

THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27 JULY AT 6PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HUONVILLE.

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